

SENATE—Wednesday, July 18, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Presiding Officer, the Honorable EVAN BAYH, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we thank You for this new day in which we have the privilege to serve You. Our ultimate goal is to please You by seeking Your guidance, following it faithfully, and giving You all the glory. You have called us to be servant-leaders. And so we spread out before You the challenges and responsibilities of this day. We thank You for Your presence all through the day. Guide the Senators' thinking and speaking. May their convictions be based on undeniable truth You have defined in their minds and in the negotiations and debates. Bless the Senators as they work together to arrive at solutions so much greater than they could arrive at alone. Help them to draw on Your wisdom, Your penetrating discernment, and Your indomitable courage.

The life and dedication of Senator Paul Coverdell lives on as a stunning example of this quality of leadership. We remember the Senator with profound gratitude today on the anniversary of his graduation to heaven.

And thus, we reaffirm our own commitment: "One life to live, t'will soon be past; only what's done for Your glory will last." Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable EVAN BAYH led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 18, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EVAN BAYH, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BAYH thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will conduct 1 hour of morning business for the memorial on the 1-year anniversary of the death of our colleague, Senator Paul Coverdell. At 10:30, the Senate will resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill. Rollcall votes are expected throughout the day on amendments to energy and water. The Senate may also consider several Executive Calendar nominations after we finish energy and water.

We have had good bipartisan activity in the Senate in recent days. We have worked our way through some difficult bills. Senator STEVENS and Senator BYRD worked through the contentious supplemental appropriations bill, and Senator BURNS and Senator BYRD, again, worked through the Interior appropriations bill. We are now on the energy and water bill. Last week we cleared almost 60 nominations. When we finish the energy and water appropriations bill today, whatever time that might be, we are going to go to the nomination that has an assigned time, the nomination of John Graham. It is a contentious issue. When we finish that item, we will go to the Transportation appropriations bill.

I hope all Members work together. As Senator DASCHLE and I talked last night, these appropriations bills don't belong to the Democrats or the Republicans. They are ours. The President is leaving for Europe today for a very important set of meetings. He needs these appropriations bills as much as anybody in the country, if not more.

I hope we will have people offering amendments. Yesterday we had one amendment offered. That was accepted by the managers of the bill. We need to move forward. I hope we can do that today around 10:30.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there is

now a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Also, under the previous order, the time until 10:30 a.m. shall be under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR PAUL COVERDELL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I will take a few minutes to talk about Paul Coverdell. There were a number of occasions in Washington, and once at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, that someone walked up to me and said: Senator Coverdell.

Now, I always pictured myself as more of a Robert Redford type—that is what I expect to see in the mirror, but it never turns out that way. Factually, I am not the Paul Coverdell type, not a real big bruiser of a person. I guess that is why, perhaps, Paul Coverdell and I got along so well. We were a lot alike. When we think of the great orators of the Senate, Daniel Webster and Everett Dirksen, we don't think of Paul Coverdell. But when we think of those Senators who were able to get things done, he was one of those. That is why when Senator LOTT had a difficult legislative and dangerous assignment on the Senate floor, we would see Paul Coverdell.

He was almost a shy man. He was not boisterous, loud, or aggressive in his actions, but he was effective in his actions. I spent lots of time on the Senate floor trying to work issues out with him. When we had the bankruptcy bill or the education bill, with scores of amendments, he and I would try to work through them, trying to move the legislation along.

Paul and I worked on many difficult pieces of legislation together. We spent a lot of time trying to hammer out differences on bills. We rarely had differences. We were not as much interested in the substance as procedure, moving things along. We began negotiations knowing we were confident we could help move things along.

Senator Coverdell believed we could civilly and respectfully discuss opposing points of view, which, after all, is what the Founding Fathers envisioned when they saw the Senate. Paul Coverdell was in the best tradition of the Senate, someone who believed in legislation, recognized that legislation was the art of compromise, legislation was consensus building. He was a very graceful man without being forceful.